

FROM THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN

Financial Depression Shown By Various Symptoms.

KOREANS HAVE BEGUN KICKING

CHINA EVINCES A DISPOSITION TO ACCEPT JAPAN'S AID AND SYMPATHY.

Whale-Catchers Gone to Hawaii—
Moonshiners Display Weapons—
Progress of Education—Flourish-
ing Red Cross Society.

The following interesting budget of Japanese news and opinion is abstracted from files of the Tokyo Times of July 27 brought by the steamer City of Peking:

Hard Times and Insanity.

The hard times to which the public have been subjected during the last few years have shown their result in the returns of insanity. During the six months ending June 322 persons suffering from trouble of the brain entered the Brain Disease Hospital in Tabata, an environ of Tokyo. Next to heredity, which contributes the largest number of patients, the troubles of life were the most fruitful source of mental aberration.

Distinguished Lawyer to Travel.

Dr. Hatoyama is said to have decided to start for America on September 4. "Differences between the French and Japanese Civil Codes" will form the subject of the lecture which this distinguished lawyer is to give at the coming two hundredth anniversary of Yale University. His friends and acquaintances intend to give a farewell banquet in honor of the professor and his wife at the Imperial Hotel on the 1st of September.

Bellicent Moonshiners.

Lately rumors regarding the secret brewing of sake are heard in many prefectures and it is even said that those who commit the offence often resort to violent means in trying to prevent the tax officials from discharging their duties. The Home Minister has therefore given an instruction to the effect that in such cases as the above the police may be asked for aid. It is said that at some villages in Aomori and Kagoshima prefectures the offenders, all armed with clubs and swords, will not let the officials of tax into their villages and in one case it is stated that the latter were beaten almost half-dead.

Whale-Catchers Absent in Hawaii.

It is well known fact that in certain seasons every year numerous whales come flocking to the seas off the southern coast of Kii province. This year upward of 200 whales are said to have passed those waters up to the present, but it is a pity to learn that out of these numbers only two have been caught by the fishermen in that locality. This discouraging feature is said to be due to the fact that there are at present no fishermen well trained in the whaling business, though until four or five years ago many such skillful fishermen were living all along those shores. The disappearance of the latter was the result of the emigration of the inhabitants of that province, whence as many as 3,587 emigrants crossed over to Hawaii up to the year 1898. The inhabitants of that place are reported to be therefore often obliged to engage the well trained fishermen from Shikoku and other districts.

Red Cross Flourishing.

The Japan Red Cross Society had last year 110,245 persons entered on its list of members, so that there are at present 728,507 persons claiming its membership. Of the above total number, 28 are honorary; 2,997, special; 710,630 regular; 14,702 assistant members. The fund yearly collected from among the members reaches the big sum of 1,560,806 yen and besides contributions in the shape of money, articles and land are received in abundance.

Tokyo's Foreign Residents.

The latest investigations made by the Metropolitan Police authorities put the total number of foreign residents in Tokyo and the eight surrounding districts at 995 including females. Classified according to nationalities they are 267 Americans, 200 Britishers, 151 Chinese, 97 French, 80 Germans, 14 Italians, 11 Russians, 8 Danes, 4 Austrians, etc.

The Tokyo University.

The Imperial University has already got Colleges of Science, Engineering, Law and Medicine, so that it only lacks a College of Literature to make it a

full blown university. This will probably be created by April next, when the University obtains the consent of the Government and the Diet for the scheme relating to this matter.

Admiral Rodger Received.

Rear-Admiral Rodger, Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Squadron of the United States, and his staff numbering six, who have recently come to Japan in connection with the unveiling ceremony of the Perry monument, went to the Palace on July 12 accompanied by the American Minister in Tokyo. They were received in audience by the Emperor and Empress.

Financial.

The number of domestic banks and agencies of foreign banks in Japan at the end of June was 2435 with a capital of \$20,970,259 yen (\$259,443,189 American) as compared with 2442 in May and a capital of \$22,315,759 yen (\$269,213,248).

At the regular meeting of the Tokyo Bank Association held recently, the report for the first half of the year was presented. Its gist is as follows: The total number of commercial notes dealt with during the past six months amounted to \$34,907 and their aggregate value to \$65,087,686 yen at the average rate of 3,844,123 yen per day. The above figures show a decrease of 16,396 in number and of 110,323,594 yen in value compared with those of the corresponding period of last year.

The discouraging feature was owing to the stringency of the money market in the country. The total number of dishonored cheques discovered by the house during the prescribed period reached to 1,338, representing 554,180 yen in value; the number of persons or companies concerned therein totalled 1,140, this being an increase of 164 as against the corresponding period of last year.

Japan in China.

Reference has more than once been made in these columns to the steady growth of friendly sentiments among the Chinese toward this country, says the Japan Times of Tokyo. It is scarcely necessary to mention that this is the result of the liberal and friendly policy which Japan has so consistently pursued in her dealings with China. The increasing tendency among the Chinese to rely upon Japanese counsel and assistance may also be regarded as an indication of the growing appreciation among intelligent and leading Chinese of the necessity of imitating Japan in the matter of the adoption of Western civilization. Why, then, it may be asked, do they not apply for inspiration and counsel direct to the countries of Europe and America? The obvious and cogent reason is that the Chinese are shrewd enough to perceive the immense advantage of introducing that civilization from Japan where they find the new ideas and methods of the West brought into harmony with the peculiar requirements of a people who have for centuries been in the pale of a common civilization with themselves. Then again they instinctively feel that of all the foreign nations the Japanese are in many respects best qualified to understand and appreciate their feelings and difficulties. It was, we believe, Kang Yuwei and his fellow Reformers who first publicly called the attention of their countrymen to the importance of introducing Western civilization through the Japanese medium. With the falling of that party into official disgrace and discredit, there was for a time a natural tendency to look askance at the idea so boldly advanced by the Reformers. But the progress of events during the past twelve months seems to have changed the situation completely, and we now notice on all sides unmistakable signs of a very widespread awakening among the Chinese to the urgent importance of availing themselves of the benefits of Japanese guidance and assistance in setting their house in order.

Liberal Education.

In describing an exhibition of the Morning Star school (Gyosei Gakko) at Kudan the Japanese Times says: "Four comedies, each in the four different languages, given below in the order in which they were performed, of English, German, French and Japanese, were presented, and though the different actors acquitted themselves with credit in each piece those who took part in the English and French comedies especially showed unusual skill in their gestures and elocution. The very absence of artificiality and the very fact that each actor threw himself heart and soul into the part allotted to him, made the performances appear not unlike those of good actors of the new style."

And, in commenting on all of the exercises, the Times contrasts the method of that particular school with others of the same grade, saying: "The idea that the secondary education of Japan is too one-sided, that it devotes itself too exclusively to the hard materialistic side of knowledge, that it is almost absolutely lacking in anything calculated to develop the taste and to produce refinement—this idea, we should think, must have im-

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The Korean Situation.

The Japanese Times comments on recent advices from Korea, which it says are far from satisfactory. "To begin with, the facts thus far elicited concerning the recent disturbance in the island of Che-ju point to the existence in Korea of the same popular grievance against missionary methods as in the neighboring empire of China. Whether the alleged proclivity on the part of the Catholic missionaries to interfere with local affairs is so strong and general as seems to be assumed by most people may well be doubted. It also seems only fair to suggest that the alleged irregularities on their part may probably be excusable, if not justifiable, in view of the inability or unwillingness of Korean officials to afford due protection to the native converts who form a disliked minority in the community."

The Times confesses it does not possess the well-authenticated mass of facts to enable it to discuss this aspect of the question, but says "there seems to be little room for doubt as to the existence of a bitter feeling of antipathy against the Catholic missionaries and their followers on the part of the unconverted Koreans." This feeling the Times further says "is strong and general enough to make those who entertain it break out into acts of fatal violence, as proved by the recent incident in Che-ju. The existence of such a state of affairs constitutes a danger of the gravest sort, and demands the serious attention of those who are interested in the preservation of order and tranquillity in the peninsula kingdom."

The Times is apprehensive that such local disturbances might develop into a magnitude defying all the repressive sources of the Government at Seoul. "Another piece of news of an unpleasant character, though of far less importance," the Times goes on to say, "is connected with the attitude of the Korean Government towards this country. Those in power at Seoul appear to have somehow taken it into their heads that they must apply a check to the legitimate growth of Japanese interests in their country." It gives several instances in proof of such an attitude and concludes with the following argument, for the benefit of the Korean Ministers, of the proposition that the continuance of such a policy will prove in the end injurious to the true interests of their own country:

"Self-assertion is a healthy thing in its way, and we should be the first to welcome it on Korea's part, if it were supported by spontaneous resolution and genuine capacity to make it good. Nothing would please Japan better than to see Korea capable of developing her resources by her own enterprise and intelligence, for in that case the Far Eastern problem would be the simpler by the disappearance of one of its most disturbing elements. But as things now stand, it will not be difficult for any sober-minded Korean to perceive that the growth of Japanese interests in the peninsula is not only inevitable but highly conducive to the civilization and prosperity of the country. Whether or not this truth finds recognition among the Koreans, as we sincerely hope it does, the path that Japan has to follow with respect to Korea is clear and straight. Japan is charged with a mission there which she cannot without injustice to herself abandon at anybody's bidding."

NEWS OF THE TOWN.

William K. Kuanina, a fifteen-year old Hawaiian boy, who was for a time a tyro in the Maui News office, accidentally shot himself instantly dead Thursday afternoon, near his home in Iao Valley, Maui.

Demolition of the wooden building at Fort and Beretania street, erected only a few years ago by Bruce Waring & Co. began yesterday to make way for the erection of the magnificent business block for N. S. Sachs.

THE AVERAGE EXCUSE WAS OF LITTLE USE

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perhaps, be taxed on a proportion of the value of the building which would, at the expiration of the twenty years lease, revert to the owner of the property.

Various Court Items.

The matter of the guardianship of Genevieve Dowsett was settled yesterday. The accounts of J. M. Monsarrat, guardian of her person and estate, were ordered confirmed and the master's report confirmed. Monsarrat was discharged and his bondsman released upon his own request. A. B. Wood was appointed guardian of the estate under bond of \$75,000. Mrs. Phoebe K. Raymond was appointed guardian of the person.

Magoon and Thomson, for plaintiff, have brought suit against Ah Chew to recover on a promissory note for \$867.02, made June 1, due on demand. Suit has been brought in the District Court by A. Marques against H. L. Evans and Yokohizo for the recovery of money alleged to be due on certain damages to a piece of property included in the Palolo lots, now on sale. Marques claims that the defendant tore down a stone wall belonging to her.

SORROWFUL AFTERMATH OF A JOYOUS SATURDAY NIGHT

Many Examples of Inebriety Grace the Boards at the Wilcox Matinee—
Assault Cases Postponed.

Judge Wilcox of the District Court consumed but little time in clicking off the names of sixteen widely assorted and picturesque drunks who lined up before the judicial presence, as one and all pleaded guilty to the mild impeachment.

"Two dollars fine, one dollar costs," was the only comment made following the calling of the defendant's name. Those present were: McIntosh, Hughes, Waiola, Geo. Paperton, Kealoha, Joe Lee, Jas. Lare, Jno. William, Jas. Lockland, Wm. Hills, Charlie Milk-ques, Joe Martin, Welsh, Fred, John Kekipi, Alex. Oleson.

Harry Holt forfeited \$6 bail for fast riding.

Goodman, Nakashima, Kagawa, Chinaka and Fells were fined \$5 for riding bicycles upon the sidewalks. Tonka, Kaopuku, Anderson and Erickson, admitted guilt to the charge of affray, alleged to have taken place on Nuanu street at an early hour Sunday morning. It cost them \$5 apiece.

Several assault and battery cases were postponed until today. Ah Kim was fined \$25 and costs for assault and battery upon Lizzie Lili-koi.

His Usefulness Survives Him.
From the Maui News.

Many years since a gentleman prominent in educational circles in California came to the Islands and became a prominent educator here. Some seventeen years ago he was assigned to the Wailuku school and realizing the importance of planting fruit trees on Maui, he planted a number of mango, orange and alligator pear trees in the schoolhouse yard. Today he sleeps his last, long peaceful sleep in the Wailuku cemetery, and the grove of trees, loaded with fruit, stands as a beautiful monument to his memory, and in commemoration of his kindly thoughtfulness. This is a silent but eloquent appeal to the people of Wailuku to emulate his example for the benefit of those who are to come here, after. Had others emulated his example at the time, Wailuku would today be rich in fruits for home consumption with plenty to ship to the Honolulu market.

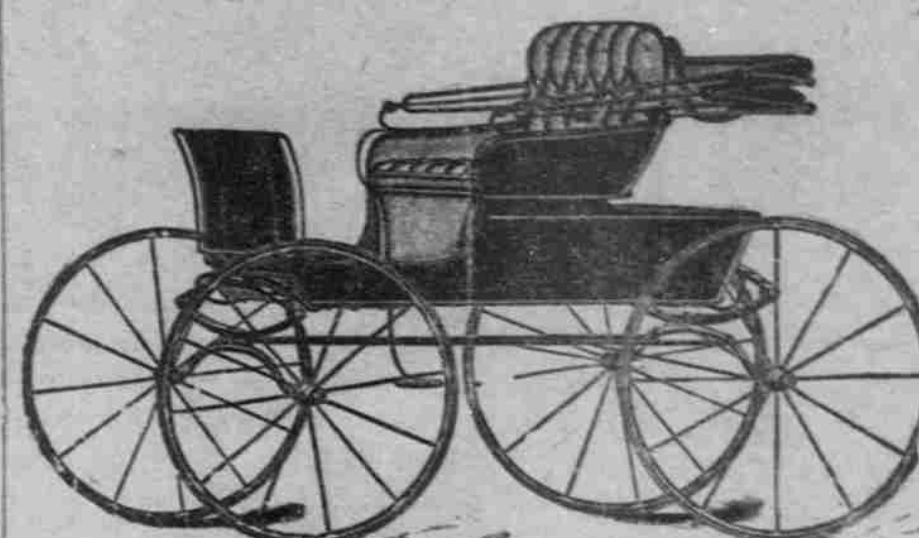
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